

Date: 7/8/2020

Agenda # 1

Agenda Action Report
prepared for the
Cascade County Commission

ITEM: **Montana ExpoPark Water Main
Replacement Bid Award**

INITIATED BY: **Cascade County Commission**

ACTION REQUESTED: **Approval of Contract #20-87**

PRESENTED BY: **Brian K. Clifton, Special Projects Manager**

SYNOPSIS:

Cascade County went out to public bid for the possible replacement of a portion of water main at the Montana ExpoPark. The project consists of the replacement of approximately 3000 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch water main, valves, fitting, thrust restraints, service/hydrant reconnections, two fire suppression lines, a domestic line to serve the Four Seasons Arena, surface restoration, and miscellaneous items. The base bid was primarily the replacement of a section around and near the Four Seasons Arena, the alternate bid item #1 was primarily a continuation of the water main replacement north of the Four Seasons Arena and continuing around to the back of the racetrack, and the alternate bid item #2 was primarily the area from Four Seasons Arena to the existing meter pit on the west edge of the park. The Invitation to Bid was published in the Great Falls Tribune on June 9, June 14, and June 21 of 2020. Hard copies were available at the County Commission Office located at 325 2nd Ave N in Great Falls and at Big Sky Civil & Environmental located at 1324 13th Ave SW in Great Falls and questions regarding this project were directed to Big Sky Civil & Environmental in Great Falls. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid conference for this project was held at the jobsite at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Sealed bids were due on Thursday June 25, 2020 at 1:30 pm in the Cascade County Commissioners Office. Bids were then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids were provided by Geranios Enterprises Inc and Ed Boland Construction, both of Great Falls, MT. Geranios Enterprises Inc. delivered a base bid of \$299,856, alternate bid item #1 bid of \$203,037, and alternate bid item #2 bid of \$229,440 for a total bid of \$732,333.00. Ed Boland Construction delivered a base bid of \$143,708, alternate bid item #1 bid of \$85,168, and alternate bid item #2 bid of \$112,616 for a total bid of \$341,492.

RECOMMENDATION:

Cascade County Staff and BSC&E, after reviewing bid proposals for the proposed water main replacement at the Montana ExpoPark located at 400 3rd St NW, Great Falls, MT 59404, recommends awarding the contract to Ed Boland Construction of Great Falls, MT for the base bid and both alternative bid items for a total cost to Cascade County of \$341,492 and approve staff of utilizing a not to exceed contingency of \$68,300 (approximately 20%) for a total project cost of \$409,792.

TWO MOTIONS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION

MOTION TO APPROVE:

“I move the Cascade County Commission **APPROVE** Contract #20-87: bid proposal from Ed Boland Construction for the water main replacement at the Montana ExpoPark, located at 400 3rd St NW, Great Falls, MT. 59404, for a total cost of \$341,492, approve staff utilizing a not to exceed contingency \$68,300, for a total project cost of \$409,792 and instruct staff to complete the contract process.”

MOTION TO DISAPPROVE:

“I move the Cascade County Commission **DISAPPROVE** Contract #20-87: bid proposal from Ed Boland Construction for the water main replacement at the Montana ExpoPark, located at 400 3rd St NW, Great Falls, MT. 59404, for a total cost of \$341,492, approve staff utilizing a not to exceed contingency \$68,300, for a total project cost of \$409,792 and instruct staff to complete the contract process.”



June 29, 2020

Mr. Brian Clifton, Special Projects Coordinator
Cascade County
325 2nd Ave N, Room #103
Great Falls MT 59401

RE: Award Recommendation – Cascade County Expo Park Watermain Replacement

Dear Mr. Clifton,

Big Sky Civil & Environmental (BSCE) reviewed and considered the bid packages for the aforementioned project. We tabulated the bids and verified unit bid items and total costs. There were no mathematical errors, meaning the bid totals as read aloud during the 6/25/20 public bid opening were accurate.

Bids were submitted by Ed Boland Construction, Inc. and Geranios Enterprises, Inc. Both submitted bids omitted items that were required as detailed within the project documents; however, following a review by the County Attorney's office, it was determined that Geranios Enterprises, Incorporated's bid is considered deficient due to the omission of a Bid Bond while Ed Boland Construction's bid could be considered acceptable pursuant to Section 19.01 of the Instructions to Bidders (refer to the attached County Attorney determination for additional information). Therefore, the only responsible bidder was determined to be Ed Boland Construction, Inc., with a total base bid amount of \$143,708.00, corrected Additive Alternate #1 bid amount of \$85,118.00, and an Additive Alternate #2 bid amount of \$112,616.00.

BSCE contacted Montana's Department of Labor & Industry and found that, at the time of bidding, both bidders are properly registered and neither of the bidders are included on the debarred list of the Federal Excluded Parties List.

BSCE hereby recommends that award be made to Ed Boland Construction, Inc. for the subject project, including both Additive Alternates subject to funding availability. BSCE will prepare a Notice of Award for the County's signature following your review and concurrence as well as the County's determination on overall scope of award. We will then formally issue the Award and the unsigned Agreement, together with a request that the Contractor sign the Agreement and obtain the required certificates of insurance, Payment Bond, and Performance Bond for the additional work.

Attached hereto are the Certified Bid Tabulations and completed Bid Recorder's Sheet.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (406) 727-2185.

Respectfully,

Kevin May, P.E.
Big Sky Civil & Environmental, Inc.

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